

DOCKET SECTION

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS PLUNKETT TO QUESTIONS POSED AT OCTOBER 7, 1997 HEARING

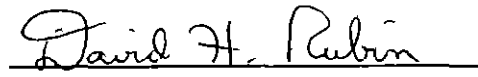
The United States Postal Service hereby provides the responses of witness Plunkett to two questions posed at the hearing on October 7, 1997, one by David B. Popkin, and another by the Office of the Consumer Advocate. Each question is restated and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE OF POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS PLUNKETT TO QUESTION OF
DAVID B. POPKIN AT THE HEARING ON OCTOBER 7, 1997

Question (Tr. 3/971): The question I have is does the provision for duplicate return receipt apply to return receipt for merchandise service?

RESPONSE:

Duplicate return receipts are available if return receipt for merchandise service is purchased. (See DMM § S915.4.0, and witness Needham's response to interrogatory DFC/USPS-T39-23(c).)

RESPONSE OF POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS PLUNKETT TO QUESTION OF
THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE AT THE HEARING ON
OCTOBER 7, 1997

Question (Tr. 3/1047): Will the Postal Service be willing to provide [the number of insurance claims made in FY 96]?

RESPONSE:

In FY 96, 65,996 insurance claims were filed.

DECLARATION

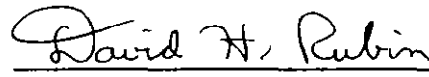
I, Michael K. Plunkett, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.


MICHAEL K. PLUNKETT

Dated: 10/15/97

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.



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